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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified patent application which is simultaneously filed herewith, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS-

To facilitate entry of the following changes, the Applicants have also submitted herewith substitute pages providing all the pending claims, as they now stand, incorporating the changes indicated below.

1. Method for activating a local terminal connectable to a first network, characterized by the steps:

a. a server transmits via a second network an activation code to a local activation module which is connected to the second network on the one hand and to the local terminal on the other hand;

b. after receiving the activation code, the activation module activates the terminal.

2. Method according to claim 1, characterized by the steps:

a. the activation module also activates a connection between the local terminal and the server, via the first network;

b. the server further activates the terminal.

3. Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the activation code also comprises a message that is sent by the server with the activation code to the activation module and that can be read by the terminal, after having been activated by the activation module.

4. Method according to claim 3, characterized in that the message is a notification message.

5. Method according to claim 4, characterized in that the notification message relates to a message that is waiting in the server to be read by the user of the terminal.

6. Method according to claim 5, characterized in that the message waiting in the server is an SMS message.

7. Method according to claim 5, characterized in that the message waiting in the server is an e-mail message.

8. Method according to claim 3, characterized in that the message is an SMS message.

9. Method for activating a local terminal connectable to a first network whereby a second network passes on to an activation module an identifier of a node via which a server connects to the second network, characterized by the steps:

a. the activation module records the said identifier;

b. the activation module activates the terminal in accordance with the value of the recorded identifier.

10. Method according to claim 9, characterized in that the server, for activation of the terminal in a variety of ways, connects to the second network via various nodes, each with different identifiers.

11. System for activating a local terminal connectable to a first network, characterized by a local activation module which is connected to a second network on the one hand and to the local terminal on the other hand, which activation module activates the terminal after receiving an activation code.

12. System according to claim 11, characterized in that the activation module also activates a connection between

the local terminal and the server, via the first network, which server further activates the terminal.

13. System according to claim 11, whereby the second network passes on to the said activation module the identifier of the node via which the server connects to the second network, characterized in that the activation module records the said identifier and the activation module activates the terminal in accordance with the value of the recorded identifier.

14. System according to claim 13, characterized in that the server comprises means for connecting to the second network via various nodes, each with different identifiers, with the aim of activating the terminal in various ways, in accordance with the value of the identifier recorded by the activation module.

15. System according to claim 11, characterized in that the first network and the second network are separate networks.

16. System according to claim 11, characterized in that the first network and the second network are constituted by at least partially the same network.

17. System according to claim 11, characterized in that the server comprises means for making connection with an external terminal or server and being controlled by that external terminal or server on the basis of control parameters.

18. System according to claim 11, characterized in that the local terminal controls further devices..

19. System according to claim 11, characterized in that the activation module or server controls the further devices.

20. System according to claim 19, characterized in that the activation module and/or the local terminal are integrated within the further devices.

21. System according to claim 18, characterized in that the further devices are domestic devices.

22. Server, characterized in that it comprises selection means for activation in various ways of a local terminal connected to a first network by connecting to a second network various network nodes each with a different identifier.

23. Server according to claim 22, characterized in that the first network and the second network are separate networks.

24. Server according to claim 22, characterized in that the first network and the second network form are constituted by at least partially the same network.

25. Server according to claim 22, characterized in that it comprises means for making a connection to an external

terminal or server and being controlled by that external terminal or server on the basis of control parameters.

26. Module for making a connection between a terminal and a server via a network, characterized by means for receiving an activation code (a) from the server followed by activation of the terminal.

27. Module according to claim 26, characterized in that the said means activate the terminal in accordance with the value of the received activation code.

28. Module according to claim 26, characterized in that the value of the received activation code comprises an identifier (CLI) of a network node.

29. Module according to claim 26, characterized in that the activation code also comprises a message and the module comprises means for passing on that message to the terminal.

30. Module according to claim 29, characterized in that the message is a notification message that relates to a message stored in the server.

31. Module according to claim 29, characterized in that the message is an SMS message.

32. Module according to claim 26, characterized by means for detecting a terminal-status code (d), relating to the status of the terminal and the passing on of that status code via the network to the server.

33. Module according to claim 32, characterized in that the status code indicates whether the terminal is active or inactive.

34. Module according to claim 26 characterized in that the module is implemented as hardware.

35. Module according to claim 26 characterized in that the module is implemented as software.

(PTT136CLAIMS/81:ca)

Amend the following claims:

--1. (amended) Method for activating a local terminal [(7)] connectable to a first network [(1)], characterized by the steps:

_____a.___a server transmits via a second network [(5)] an activation code to a local activation module [(6)] which is connected to the second network [(5)] on the one hand and to the local terminal on the other hand;

_____b.___after receiving the activation code, the activation module activates the terminal.

2. (amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized by the steps:

_____a.___the activation module also activates a connection between the local terminal and the server, via the first network;

_____b.___the server further activates the terminal.

3. (amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the activation code also comprises a message that is sent by the server [(2)] with the activation code to the activation module [(6)] and that can be read by the terminal [(7)], after having been activated by the activation module.

5. (amended) Method according to claim 4, characterized in that the notification message relates to a message that is waiting in the server [(2)] to be read by the user of the terminal.

6. (amended) Method according to claim 5, characterized in that the message waiting in the server [(2)] is an SMS message.

7. (amended) Method according to claim 5, characterized in that the message waiting in the server [(2)] is an e-mail message.

9. (amended) Method for activating a local terminal [(7)] connectable to a first network [(1)] whereby a second network [(5)] passes on to an activation module [(6)] an identifier of a node via which a server [(2)] connects to the second network, characterized by the steps:
_____a.___the activation module records the said identifier;
_____b.___the activation module activates the terminal in accordance with the value of the recorded identifier.

10. (amended) Method according to claim 9, characterized in that the server [(2)], for activation of the terminal in a variety of ways, connects to the second network via various nodes, each with different identifiers.

11. (amended) System for activating a local terminal [(7)] connectable to a first network [(1)], characterized by a local activation module [(6)] which is connected to a second network [(5)] on the one hand and to the local terminal on the other hand, which activation module activates the terminal after receiving an activation code.

13. (amended) System according to claim 11, whereby the second network [(5)] passes on to the said activation module [(6)] the identifier of the node via which the server [(2)]

connects to the second network, characterized in that the activation module records the said identifier and the activation module activates the terminal in accordance with the value of the recorded identifier.

14. (amended) System according to claim 13, characterized in that the server [(2)] comprises means for connecting to the second network via various nodes, each with different identifiers, with the aim of activating the terminal in various ways, in accordance with the value of the identifier recorded by the activation module.

16. (amended) System according to claim 11, characterized in that the first network and the second network are [constuted] constituted by at least partially the same network.

17. (amended) System according to claim 11, characterized in that the server [(2)] comprises means for making connection with an external terminal [(12,13)] or server and being controlled by that external terminal or server on the basis of control parameters.

18. (amended) System according to claim 11 [or 17], characterized in that the local terminal [(7)] controls further devices [(11)].

19. (amended) System according to claim 11 [or 17], characterized in that the activation module [(6)] or server [(2)] controls the further devices.

20. (amended) System according to claim 19, characterized in that the activation module [(6)] and/or the local terminal [(7)] are integrated within the further devices.

21. (amended) System according to [claims 18-20] claim 18, characterized in that the further devices [(11)] are domestic devices.

22. (amended) Server [(2)], characterized in that it comprises selection means [(4)] for activation in various ways of a local terminal [(7)] connected to a first network by connecting to a second network various network nodes [(9)] each with a different identifier.

25. (amended) Server according to claim 22, characterized in that it comprises means for making a connection to an external terminal [(12,13)] or server and being controlled by that external terminal or server on the basis of control parameters.

26. (amended) Module [(6)] for making a connection between a terminal [(7)] and a server [(2)] via a network [(5)], characterized by means for receiving an activation code (a) from the server [(2)] followed by activation of the terminal [(7)].

28. (amended) Module according to claim 26, characterized in that the value of the received activation code comprises an identifier (CLI) of a network node [(9)].

30. (amended) Module according to claim 29, characterized in that the message is a notification message that relates to a message stored in the server [(2)].

32. (amended) Module according to claim 26, characterized by means for detecting a terminal-status code (d), relating to the status of the terminal [(7)] and the passing on of that status code via the network [(5)] to the server [(2)].

34. (amended) Module according to [one of the preceding claims 26-33] claim 26 characterized in that the module is implemented as hardware.

35. (amended) Module according to [one of the preceding claims 26-33] claim 26 characterized in that the module is implemented as software. --.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment is made to delete multiple dependent claims and remove numerical references.

Respectfully submitted,

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